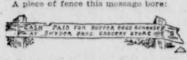
The Evolution of Snyder Brothers

HE fence along the old pike road
I'll ne'er forget, for mem'ry clings
About the streaky ads, that told
Where one could buy all earthly
things.

things.

Along old Skinner's pasture land

A piece of fence this message bore:



But time passed on. The little town
Where Snyder Brothers had their place
Became a city, and the firm
Of Snyder Brothers grew apace.
Along old Skinner's pasture land
The march of progress showed like this:



nonth ago I wandered back long the old pike road, and, lo, trolley cars buzzed swiftly part! was not the place I used to know.

t Skinner's rolling pasture land. The change o'ershadowed all the rest.



"Big Tim" Sullivan of Tammany fame tells of an Irishman who shortly after his entrance into the business life of the east side as a contractor began to dispose of his superfluous wealth by the purchase of diamonds, of which he became a heavy buyer.
One evening a friend, meeting him in

the lobby of the theater, observed that the Irishman was affording the public a more than usually liberal display of the gems. "Look here, Pat," said the friend, "you oughtn't to wear so many diamonds at once. It's considered vul

"Vulgar, ch?" indignantly repeated the contractor. "I don't know about that, but one thing I've noticed, me friend, and that is-them that has 'em wears 'em!"-Lippincott's Magazine.

Things One Ought Not to Let Silp.



Brown (whose pictures are nothing i they are not deadly serious)-No. don't make my living by painting, but it provides me with a great deal of

Fair Critic-Oh, you are too modest. Mr. Brown. I'm sure your friends also get a great deal of amusement out of

She Knew.

"Katharine," said Bob as he brought his club chums down to the depot platform, "these are all my friends."

"Glad to meet you, gentlemen," replied the bride sweetly, "and I am so sorry that you are going to be sick.' "Sick?" echoed the crowd in aston ishment. "Why should you think we are going to be sick?"

"Oh, because soon after the honeymoon a married man always finds a great many sick friends to sit up with."-Detroit Tribune.

An III Omen. "Suppose I am superstitious? What

"Oh, I wouldn't be superstitious for the world! "You wouldn't, eh?"

"No, because whenever you begin to get superstitious it's a sure sign you're

going to have bad luck."-Pick-Me-Up.

One on the Pastor. The following notice was recently to be seen outside a church door in a Surrey village: "Rev. E. T- will preach his farewell sermon on Sunday next. The choir will render an authem of joy and thanksgiving, specially com-posed for the occasion."-New York

"Hello! Back again, eh?" said the inveterate gambler. "You haven't been well lately, I hear."

"No." replied the croupler as he gave the roulette wheel a twirl, "but I'm baving a turn for the better just now." -New Orleans Times-Democrat.

The Place For Them.

"Every once in awhile," said Bride-man, "I notice my wife cutting wedding notices out of the papers. I won-der what she does with the ?"

"Probably," remarked Henneck, "she pastes them in a 'scrap' book."-Philadelphia Ledger.

Too Strenuous. Green-I'll never patronize that fashfonable deutist again. He has a double

Brown-Why, how is that? Green-After pulling my to the pro-

Our Dealings With South America. In order to supply the delegates and others from the United States attending the pan-American congress with information as to commercial condi-

available statistics on this subject. The work includes statistics of the redraws as follows:

their imports from the United States and the share of their exports which they send to this country.

to Europe the share of their imports this particular case voices that are drawn from the United States is larger bushed are still eloquent, and actions than from any other country. In those countries from which the steamship dead linger with the spectator until the route to the United States is not ma- emotions evoked by their spell have terially shorter than to European countries the share of the imports supplied by the United States is small, even ture of a departed friend speaks, to though the share which she takes of memory. their exports is large. In the former group, in which the length of transportation routes to the United States is less than that to Europe, are included Mexico, Central America, Colombia, Venezuela, the Guianas and the West Indian islands, and the share of their Imports drawn from the United States ranges from 25 to 75 per cent and averages for the entire group 47 per cent. In the second group, from whose ports the steamship routes to the United dent formally invited the nations of the States are not materially shorter than those to Europe, are included Brazil. Uruguay, Paraguay, Argentina and the entire western coast of South America, and the share of their imports which they draw from the United States ranges from 25 per cent downward to 3½ per cent and averages for the entire group 12 per cent.

The causes of this sharp contrast in the share of the imports drawn from the United States by the two groups of countries are suggested by a study of the map and the routes followed by the steamships upon which the South entirely dependent for their transportation of imports and exports. The Ican continent, which all steamships must pass in their routes to and from America, is much farther east than the ed States. The distance which a steamship must travel from that point to New York is greater than to southwestern Europe and but little less than to the principal commercial ports of northwestern Europe. With the large supply of European owned steamships running regularly between South America and the ports of Europe and the comparatively small supply running to and from the ports of the United States the trade of the South American countries naturally trends toward European ports, and this is intensified by the fact that much of the trade. fluance and banking facilities of South America are also in the bands of or controlled by Europeans.

The fact that Brazil sends direct to the United States over 800,000,000 pounds of coffee and 35,000,000 pounds of india rubber annually, that Argentina sends 40,000,000 pounds of wool and 29,000,000 pounds of hides, that Chile sends 60,000,000 pounds of ni trates and that Brazil, Argentina and the countries of the west coast of South America send in addition to this over \$17,000,000 worth of miscellaneous merchandise suggests that the vessels bringing this large quantity of merchandise should offer ample facilities for direct shipments from the United States to those countries on the return United States take cargoes from this chamber of deputies. country to Europe, where, after discharging those cargoes, they reload with European merchandise for South America, thus by these triangular voyages materially reducing the opportunity for direct shipments from the frozen water pipes in winter. United States to South America.

The official stenographers of the Fifty-ninth congress are doubtless unanimously of the opinion that they earned their money during the seven months' sitting which closed June 29.

Looks tough, that word "alienist," but it simply stands for the scientist who sticks a pin into you to see if you'll jump.

Yes, Rudyard Kipling wrote the first "Jungle" book, but it remained for Up has just helped to buy a magazine in ton Sinclair to really stir up the wild which she proposes to keep on consid-

A Hint to Dramatists.

Discussing the making of plays, a writer in the Atlantic Monthly thinks that playwrights as a rule overlook the power and pathos of what he calls tions affecting this country and the "the vacant room or the vacant stage." South American states the department A deserted room and deserted stage are of commerce and labor issued recently what the writer has in mind, as shown a monograph presenting the latest by his citing for example a finale in the play of "Shore Acres," which he

Imports and exports of each American country by principal articles and the countries from which the imports are drawn and those to which exports are sent.

The general fact that the United States supplies 25 per cent of the imports of the American countries lying south of her borders and takes 35 per cent of their exports suggests a fairly satisfactory trade relation between this country and her Spanish-American neighbors. An analysis of the figures, country by country, however, shows some sharp contrasts in the share which the various countries take of their imports from the United States en had thus had its say, thus spoken

The cry of playgoers for action bas In those countries whose ports or led to an abhorrence by dramatists of consuming centers have shorter trans- many things that contribute to the viportation routes to this country than tality and illusion of a stage scene. In that have had their brief strut and are yielded to the demands of reality. The deserted room speaks just as the pic-

At Jamestown In 1907.

It was to be expected that the Jamestown exposition item in the congressional budget would get through at the last session because of the nature of it. The managers of the so called Jamestown exposition have shown no disposition to beg from the national treasury and have asked no national donations, loans or guarantees. The presiworld to participate in a military celebration of the lauding of the first European colony on American soil, and the response having been almost universal it rested with this nation to provide suitably for the visiting fleets and soldiers.

The funds of the government will be used to build wharfs, hospitals and barracks for the nation's guests, and much of the material used will be recovered by the government. Of course the pageantry which the act of congress assures will be pretty much "the whole show" at Jamestown, but the natural and Central American countries are conditions are of a kind to attract crowds who would not go elsewhere to see the same features. Only a fraction most easterly point of the South Amer. of the great American mass have ever seen the Virginia shore, that shore which sent civilization west to the Misthe ports of eastern and western South sissippi and south to the gulf. With a magnificent background of river, lake principal commercial ports of the Unit- and ocean, visitors to Jamestown next year will view a majestic pageantry of fleets and armies the like of which was never before offered to human gaze,

> "Tinned chicken" the New York Tribune calls the packers' product. Now. the editor of the Tribune is at present American ambassador to England, and the connection of these two facts may be illustrated by the English way of "dishing" up an American joke in this line. Says an American, "We eat what we can, and what we can't we can." An Englishman renders it, "We eat what we can, and what we can't we tin." Perhaps Whitelaw Reid's pupils know only the London way of putting it.

> And now bobs up the irrepressible scientist, one Professor Tyler this time, and declares that "much of our best philosophy has been taken from the clam." This would seem to take all the value out of the old time advice, "Don't be a clam."

> Princess Ena's "stepping off" with King Alfonso left only four of the late Queen Victoria's twenty-one living granddaughters unmarried, a warning to eligible young men to speak quick or find themselves everlastingly too late.

Count Boni de Castellane has comtrip. This result, however, is not realized since a large proportion of the for full membership in the "Down and vessels bringing this merchandise from Out club," having been first bounced these South American countries to the by his wife and then by the French

> After all, San Francisco isn't cursed with all the evils of American life and some to boot. The citizens know not the autocratic ice man in summer or

The civil service commission is looking for a competent man to count the government's money. Now, if it were only a job to spend its money the search needn't last long.

As the cables were careful to announce that "Princess Alice dined with the kaiser," the question arises as to whether Nick got in at the second table, or where was he?

John D. Rockefeller has bought a collection of fossils, but Ida M. Tarbell ering live issues.

"The White Man's Burden" In Egypt. For a long time it has been hinted that the Moslem world is getting ready to launch out in another holy war. Recently the danger was admitted in the British parliament, even to warning opposition members not to stir up trouble by siding with the discontented elements in Egypt. Great care has to be taken, the ministry declared, that nothing be said in England to weaken the authority of the Egyptian government or England might be forced to deal with the prevailing fanatical feeling among the natives with a high hand -"unconstitutionally" was the term

Recently executions of Egyptian reb-els by the English authority have led to reprisal in the shape of attacks upon British officers. It is admitted that the discontent is not confined to Egypt, but has spread over all northern Africa. British garrisons in Egypt have been increased and other measures taken to protect European subjects from attacks by so called religious fanatics who are really natives inspired if not led by the "Young Egypt" party, having for its warery Egypt for Egyptians and death to the infidel.

Speeches emphatically condemning the Russian government were sprung in the douma at the very beginning. Considering what would have happened to the speakers if they had talked that way openly a few months ago, it must be admitted that Russia has made some progress in political freedom, after all,

Pittsburg is beginning to resent the slurs of New York on its morals and money. It does not feel wholly responsible when a Pittsburg man spends a large part of his time in New York, acquires the New York habit and acts it out. We do not see how any one is going to blame Pittsburg for talking

Irish blood is up in the matter of throwing the statue of King George III, out of the municipal buildings in Dublin. The excuse given that it is a work of bad art is probably diplomatic "blarney," the real reason being ingrained hatred of what King George stood for.

The Group of Toil proves by far the most formidable division in the douma. It's a rather proud designation, especially in view of the fact that it represents the working peasants, who outnumber all the other inhabitants of Russia nearly ten to one.

Professor Crooks' declaration that an income exceeding \$5,000,000 a year is "swollen beyond proper limits" is not going to antagonize a very large vote. Even ambitious Americans will gener ally consent to be tied down to that

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